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CJUSMMAT EZKARA TURKEY

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR JA TU

SUBJECT: LST FOR TURKEY: STATUS REPORT

REF: A. TOKYO 5736 DTG 100425 Z MAY 73

B. COMNAVFORJAPAN 110838 Z MAY 73 (NOTAL)

1. FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY MAY 16 THAT ACCOMMODATION
OF LST AT MSD FACILITY AFTER SHIP TRANSFER JUNE 1
CONTINUES PRESENT LEGAL PROBLEMS. FONOFF BELIEVES
THESE MAY NEVER BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY. FOR EXAMPLE,
JAPAN SELF- DEFENSE FORCES LAW CLEARLY BANS
" TRAINING" OF ANY NON- JAPANESE PERSONNEL IN JSDF
FACILITIES. FONOFF SAID THAT EVEN IF TURKISH CREW
WERE TO RECEIVE ONLY " EQUIPMENT FAMILIARIZATION"
AFTER JUNE 1, GOJ COULD STILL BE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING
JSDF LAW BY OPPOSITION PARTIES. LATTER COULD ALSO
ATTACK GOJ FOR HAVING PERMITTED US FORCES TO " TRAIN"
TCN' S WITHIN ITS FACILITY PRIOR JUNE 1, CONTRARY TO
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2. BECAUSE OF THESE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, GOJ WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LST TRANSFER CARRIED OUT WITH MINIMUM PUBLICITY. FONOFF SAID IT HAS INSTRUCTED ITS EMBASSY AT ANKARA TO DISCOURAGE GOT PLANS FOR ELABORATE SHIP TRANSFER CEREMONY AT YOKOSUKA.

3. SIMILARLY, FONOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT COMNAVFORJAPAN ACCOMPLISH SHIP TRANSFER IN VERY LOW KEY, AND THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO ANY ASPECT OF SHIP TRANSFER PROGRAM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND COMPLIANCE PARA 3. INGERSOLL

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